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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 5 and 8 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated November 20, 2001, for a counterpart PCT application. A reference listed on the International Search Report and not enclosed herewith

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was disclosed in a previously submitted Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, December 22, 2000.
2. U.S.S.N. 09/315,584, filed May 20, 1999.
3. U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/606,369, filed June 28, 2000.
4. U.S.S.N. 08/818,199, filed March 24, 1997, now Patent No. 6,023,540; U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/786,896, filed September 10, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/816,651, filed March 23, 2001; U.S.S.N. 09/840,012, filed April 20, 2001.
5. U.S.S.N. 08/851,203, filed May 5, 1997; U.S.S.N. 09/187,289, filed November 5, 1998.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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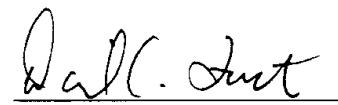
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination. The required fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-66828-2/RMS/DCF).

Respectfully submitted,

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